

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 line 4, please delete:

“The following specification is a Continuation-In-Part of United States Patent Application 09/354,957 filed on July 16th, 1999.”

and insert:

-- This application is a divisional of Application No. 10/081,461; filed February 21, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/354,957, filed July 16, 1999, issued as U.S. Patent 6,429,200, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/093,321, filed 07/17/1998. --.

As noted in the office action, applicants claimed priority to US application 10/081,461 in the transmittal papers for the instant application. US application 10/081,461 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/354,957 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/093,321. Therefore, no new claim of priority is being made.

On page 14, after line 13, please insert:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1. Circular dichroism spectra measured for samples of plasmid DNA added to a mixture of Brij30/TMP or DNA alone at 30°C. The ellipticity value for control samples prepared without DNA were subtracted from the experimental samples. --.

The description of the drawing comes from the specification as originally filed (page 38 lines 7-14) and contains no new matter.

On page 38, after “the pDNA (” please insert -- FIG. 1 --.

On page 39, please delete the drawing.